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(4) Every member of the Corporation unless he vacates office under subsection (7) shall hold office for such period not exceeding 3 years as is specified by the Minister and shall be eligible for reappointment. (5) A member of the Corporation may at any time, by notice in writing to the Minister, resign from the Corporation. (6) (Repealed) (7) The Minister may remove the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and any member of the Corporation if he or she:

(a) is incapacitated by physical and mental illness; or

(b) has performed unsatisfactorily for a significant period of time; or

(c) is convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or

(d) is absent from 4 consecutive meetings of the Corporation unless the member is excused by the Corporation for having been absent from those meetings; or

(e) becomes bankrupt; or

(f) is otherwise unfit or unable to discharge the functions of a member.

(8) No act or proceeding of the Corporation shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy amongst its members or any irregularity in the appointment of a member thereto. (9) All appointments made under this section shall be published in the Gazette. 4. Casual vacancies among members (1) If a member of the Corporation dies or resigns or is removed from office, the Minister may appoint any other person to be a member in place of the member who dies or resigns or is removed from office. (2) A member appointed under subsection (1) shall, unless he earlier resigns or vacates office by death or removal, hold office for the unexpired part of the term of office of the member whom he succeeds. 5. Seal of the Corporation (1) The seal of the Corporation shall be in the custody of the Corporation. (2) The seal of the Corporation may be altered in such manner as may be determined by the Corporation. (3) The application of the seal of the Corporation shall be authenticated by the signature of –

(a) the Chairman of the Corporation or some other member of the Corporation authorized by the Corporation to authenticate the application of the seal; and

(b) the General Manager of the Corporation or some other officer of the Corporation authorized by name by the Corporation to act in his stead in that behalf.

6. Meetings of the Corporation (1) The Chairman shall summon meetings as often as may be required, but not less frequently than once in three months. (2) The quorum for any meeting of the Corporation shall be four members of the Corporation, one of whom shall be the Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman. (3) The Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation. 7. Rules of the Corporation The Corporation may make rules to provide for the holding of meetings and the procedure to be followed at such meetings. 8. Allowances of the members of the Corporation The members of the Corporation shall be paid such allowances in such manner and at such rate as may be determined by the Minister with the approval of the Minister responsible for finance. 9. Temporary appointments of members of the Corporation Where a member of the Corporation is by reason of illness, infirmity or absence from Vanuatu, temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister may appoint another person to act in his place. 10. Functions and duty of the Corporation (1) The functions of the Corporation shall be –

(a) to provide television and sound broadcasting services within Vanuatu, for disseminating information, education and entertainment;

(b) to secure proper standards of television and sound broadcasting with regard to both programme content and technical performance of broadcasts;

(c) to exercise licensing and regulatory functions in respect of the sale and use of television receivers and broadcasting receiving apparatus;

(d) to act internationally as the national authority or representative of Vanuatu in respect of matters relating to broadcasting;

(e) to advise the Minister in respect of matters relating to broadcasting;

(f) to exercise and perform such functions and duties in relation to broadcasting as are conferred or imposed under this Act.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Corporation –

(a) to provide adequate and comprehensive programmes with a view to serving the best interests of the general public;

(b) to develop the television and sound broadcasting services to the best advantage and interest of the country subject to such directions as the Minister may from time to time lay down;

(c) to ensure that nothing is included in the programmes broadcast by the Corporation which –

(i) offends against good taste or decency; or

(ii) is likely to incite crime or lead to disorder; or

(iii) offends any racial group or may promote ill will between different races or different groups of people; or

(iv) offends the followers of any religious faith or order; or

(v) may outrage public feelings in general;

(d) that a sufficient amount of time is given to news, news features and current affairs and to ensure that all news, in whatever form, is presented with due accuracy and impartiality and with due regard to the public interest.